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General News Items.

On Saturday morning last large flocks of ice in the East River formed the unusual phenomenon of a bridge of that fragile material between New York and Brooklyn and which remained intact until the receding of the tide. The great mass of ice was of triangular shape, its base composed of hummocks, stretching from Dover street, pier 27, to about Wall street ferry, with other large cakes supporting it below. The narrow apex of the triangle just touched the Brooklyn shore midway between Fulton and Wall street ferries, and seemed to have a slender hold. Soon after nine a few venturesome persons crossed on the ice from city to city and by ten o'clock hundreds, including many ladies, were performing thefeat. Soon after eleven o'clock a steamer forced a passage through near the Brooklyn side, and the tide also began to flow out, the ice broke up and by noon the river was again open.

The examination of Mr. Moulton has at length been concluded in the famous Scandal Trial of Tilton versus Beecher. He has proven himself throughout a tedious inquisition, equal to every emergency, and has acquired the title of "the Great American Witness." On Wednesday, when his cross examination was about closing, he volunteered a remark which gave offence to his interrogator, Gen. Tracy, who asked the Judge to admonish the witness. Judge Neilson said that the witness had been tortured by both sides for eight or ten days, and therefore he would not admonish him. There is now a hitch in the suit, pending the competency of Mr. Tilton as a witness. Yesterday he was called to the stand and while being sworn the taking of the oath was objected to by Mr. Evans, and the rest of the day was devoted to argument on each side.

Dr. Gilman, a New York hospital physician, while walking in Eighth avenue, with a steel ribbed umbrella in his hand, on Monday night, slipped and fell. One of the ribs of the umbrella ran in his eye and penetrated the brain. When the steel was drawn out of the wound the ivory tip came off and remained in the brain. The doctor has been unconscious since Tuesday evening, and his injury is probably fatal.

A cake of ice sawed out by an Iowa City man has frozen in a bass which is described as being perfect to the end of its fins, and having the appearance of swimming.

If an editor omits anything, he is lazy. If he speaks of things as are, people get angry. If he glosses over or smooths down the rough points, he is bribed. If he calls things by their proper names, he is unfit for the position of an editor. If he does not furnish his readers with jokes, it is mullet. If he does, he is a rattle-head, lacking stability. If he writes, he is a quill pen. If he reads, he is a book-binder. If he lets wrongs and injuries unremedied, he is a coward. If he exposes a public man, he is a scoundrel. If he indulges in personalities, he is a blackguard. If he does not, his paper is dull and insipid.

The boy of America is busy just now dragging sleds of every pattern, size and color out of all possible nooks and crannies in cool houses and wood sheds, and the sound of sharpening skis never ceases. If the Fourth of July should suddenly descend upon us now, the sun would be the street full of bare-footed boys, in raged straw hats, playing marbles or going off for a swim. Boys and dogs are the only animals that are thoroughly happy in all seasons and hold communion with the visible forms of nature in year and out with unvarying and hilarious tempers. —Exchange.

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Smithsonian Institution.

The Smithsonian Institution at Washington has recently received a number of interesting specimens for the national museum, among which is a graphic representation of the mode of travel in Lapland. This illustration consists of a sled, which is long, tapering at the bow and cut off square at the stem—resembles the half of a canoe out of the water. The occupant is life size, and evidently prepared for a long journey, being wrapped in fur from head to foot. The sled is drawn by a single reindeer; for traces, a strap passes around the neck and under the belly to the head of the sled; a raw-hide line attached to the horns is used as reins to guide the animal. This unique and highly interesting illustration of a prominent feature of Lapland life was presented by the University of Christiania, and is now on exhibition in the ethnological hall of the museum.

Another valuable object for study, as well as of interest to the visitor, is the fine specimen of African ostrich, from Barnum's museum. This specimen is at the east end of the lower hall of the museum, and near by skeletons of a small ostrich and the great *dromius*. The specimen is mounted and looks quite like the flesh color of the featherless portion of the body being admirably imitated. Of course, during such weather as the present, one's sympathies are naturally aroused on first sight of this giant bird, it may suffer for want of clothing—it's long legs as well as much of the other parts being entirely bare, only the back and spots here and there underneath; the main part of the body having any plumage.

Brigham Young has sufficiently recovered to sit up and be married occasionally, and listen to Mormon hymns in the evening by the family fireside.

Grand Musical Reunion.

The twenty-seventh day of February will be a musical day in Louisville in honor of the "Grand Reunion" on that day, we shall have naturally the great drawing of the Louisville Concert Association, a great musical treat of Gilmore's renowned orchestra. Gilmore is the peer, if not the superior of Theodore Thomas or of Julian. This is his first visit to the West, and except for the gift concert there is little probability that our citizens would ever have heard his wonderful performances. In the East people travel a hundred miles or more to attend one of his concerts. Remember that only those who hold at least a coupon ticket in the drawing can gain admision to the

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